(b) and (c) Foodgrains and fertilizers are supplied at subsidised prices. Specially subsidised foodgrains supplies to I.T.D.P. areas and tribal majority States and for Jawahar Rozgar Yojna in particular cater mainly to the poorer sections. There is no proposal, at present, to change the procedure/policy about the grant of subsidy.

(d) Does not arise.

**Rupee-Rouble Exchange Rate**

1161. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that whereas the Indian rupee has been devalued steadily against major currencies the Rupee-Rouble exchange rate has not been revised.

(b) if so, what are the reasons therfor;

(c) what is its impact on our export earnings;

(d) whether Government propose to review the exchange rate policy; and

(e) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. (MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There does not appear to be any evidence to suggest that movements in the Rupee-Rouble Exchange rate have adversely affected India's export earnings from the USSR.

(d) and (e) The Rupee-Rouble exchange rate is governed by the inter-Governmental Protocol entered into in Novembr 1978. Discussions were held with the Government of USSR in Februray, 1990 on certain aspects of the 1978 Protocol.

**Achievements of Long Term Fiscal Policy**

1162. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the principal economic achievements made by the Long Term Fiscal Policy announced by Government in December, 1985;

(b) what are the areas in which the stated objectives have fallen short of expectations;

(c) whether Government intend to bring out a new Long Term Fiscal Policy for the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) The Long Term Fiscal Policy (LTFP) *inter-alia* envisaged: stability in the rate schedule for taxes on personal income and wealth; simplification of direct taxes; strengthening the incentives for saving; review of capital gains taxation; abolition of surchage and to progressively reduce the role of Value Added Tax; and increasing reliance on tariffs to regulate imports and to progressively reduce the role of quantitative restrictions etc. Most of the major elements of the LTFP have, been implemented through successive Budgets.

(c) and (d) A new Long Term Fiscal Policy for the period 1990-95 is under formulation.

**IMF Loans**

1163. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to apply for some more IMF loans in the near future; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?